

Maryland County Health Regulations
Related to Farm Products Sales at Farmers' Markets and Farm Stands
and to On-Farm Processing

County health departments are responsible for certain aspects of food sales. Information on the following pages outlines key county data related to sales on farms and at farmers' markets. The information was provided primarily by county health departments in response to a survey compiled by the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) in 2005. Data is still pending from some counties, and will be added when available. For additional information, contact your county health department. A list of these departments can be found at <http://www.cha.state.md.us/html/local2.html#a>.

Most Maryland counties and the City of Baltimore allow the sale at farmers' markets and farm stands of fresh farm produce, herbs, cut flowers and bedding plants without additional licensing. Most counties also allow the sale of certain baked goods, jams and jellies, as outlined in [DHMH Farmers' Market Memo 80-6 dated 08-27-92 & Supplement dated 11-07-01](#). Some counties allow additional products and/or require additional permits or licenses as shown. Individual Farmers' Market Managers may also have additional requirements for particular markets.

County	Product										Other Items, Permits, Comments, Explanations
	Baked Goods	Jams & Jellies	Canned Pickled Veggies	Eggs	Milk	Ice Cream	Yogurt	Fresh Meat	Frozen Meat		
Allegany	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Any of these items are allowed for 1-4 or 5-14 days with a Temporary E & D Permit & Inspection. Otherwise, county enforces only DHMH regulations in COMAR 10.15.03.
Anne Arundel	X	X									County Food Service license is required for additional items not checked. On-Farm Processing requires DHMH licensure. Fresh Whole Fish is allowed verbally by DHMH.
Baltimore City	X	X		X							Market Management & Health Dept Food Permit for Sale of Food is required. Pit beef and sandwiches are also allowed with this permit. Follow DHMH regulations in COMAR.
Baltimore County											
Calvert	X	X		X	X				X		Food Service Permit and County Vendors Permit required to sell these items. Seafood is also allowed. Follow DHMH regulations in COMAR regarding food service.
Caroline	X	X									No permit required for additional items. Follow DHMH Farmers' Market Memo 80-6 dated 08-27-92 & Supplement dated 11-07-01.
Carroll	X	X									Certain baked goods, jams and jellies. Follow DHMH Farmers' Market Memo 80-6 dated 08-27-92 & Supplement dated 11-07-01. Additional items would require federal or state approval before they would consider issuing a Carroll County Food Service Facility License.
Cecil	X	X	X								A County Zoning certificate is required for the checked items, not a Health Dept license. Additional items will require a Food Service Facility License as a retail market.
Charles	X	X									Certain baked goods, jams and jellies. Follow DHMH regulations in COMAR. Refer to Charles County Dept of Planning & Growth Management for other permits or licenses that may be required.
Dorchester	X	X		X							Live soft and hard crabs are allowed in addition to checked items. A Temporary Food Event Permit is required for Farmers' Market from local Health Dept. Follow DHMH regulations in COMAR 10.15.03 for Food Service Facilities & 10.15.04 for On-Farm Processing.
Frederick	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Chocolate, lemonade, jerky, cheese, & beef BBQ are allowed. A \$150 farmers' market permit is required for each vendor who sells potentially hazardous food, or they can purchase a special weekend permit. Also follow DHMH regulations in COMAR.
Garrett	X	X									Within guidelines - non-potentially hazardous. Licenses as a "Bake Sale" and jams and jellies are allowed under this license. Follow DHMH regulations in COMAR 10.15.03 and any guidelines supplied by DHMH.
Harford	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	also coffee, beverages. No permit required for the sale of baked goods, jams & jellies by farmers. However, mobile unit license is required for the sale of all other food items. Our office issues food service licenses in compliance with COMAR 10.15.03 Food Service Facilities and 10.15.04 Food Processing.
Howard		X		X							Food Service Facility License. Follow DHMH regulations in COMAR.
Kent & Queen Anne's	X										Also cheese. These items are allowed with a County Food Service License that complies with DHMH regulations in COMAR. Chestertown and Rock Hall also have their own ordinances.
Montgomery	X	X		X					X	X	Resident Farmers: health dept permits for trucks and stands, ranging between \$25-50 for non-hazardous and hazardous foods; Non-resident producers - \$155 for truck license. County license allows non-hazardous foods, must be commercial farmer at farmers' markets; Potentially hazardous foods, such as apple cider, herbed vinegar, horseradish, fruit syrups must be licensed by DHMH, and eggs by MDA; frozen pre-packaged beef can be sold, and fresh poultry exempt from USDA can be sold at farmers' markets or to restaurants
Prince George's	X	X									Enforce DHMH COMAR. No other permits required.
Somerset	X	X	X	X							These checked items are allowed at Farmers' Markets with no additional county license. County does not have codes for this and follows DHMH regulations in COMAR.
St. Mary's	X	X		X							No additional county requirements for checked items. Follow DHMH regulations in COMAR 10.15.03
Talbot	X	X		X							County temporary event permit is required, but there is no fee. Follow DHMH regulations in COMAR 10.15.03 and new regulations for on-farm processing under 10.15.04.
Washington											
Wicomico	X	X									A commercial food facility license is required for potentially hazardous items other than the checked items. No additional county code.

Worcester		X		X					X	Shell Stock (clams & oysters) and all other potentially hazardous food requires a DHMH Food Service Facility License. Also, must have a Class 1 - refrigerated truck under county code.
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